

During Michael Powell's time at FCC, he has assisted big businesses in boosting their power to affect public opinion, by allowing consolidation of stations such as Sinclair Broadcasting. Their recent dictum forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. And the dangers of political power using free public access to further its own agenda.

All stations may use the public airwaves free of charge in order to serve the public interest. Sinclair's example shows the abuse large corporations can and will continue if allowed.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.